

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Double Patenting

Claims 1-3, 5, 10-22, 24, 53-55, 57-59, 64-76, 78, 109-111, 113 and 118-128 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3, 5, 13-19, 21-26, 27, 30-31, 33-34, 42-48, and 50-56 of copending U.S. Application No. 10/291,545. Therefore please find enclosed a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). The conflicting patent is commonly owned with the present application.

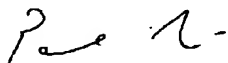
Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner stated that claims 6-9, 23, 25-52, 60-63, 77, 79-108, 114-117 and 129-131 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicants respectfully assert that the objection is now moot however in light of the above terminal disclaimer.

The Applicants therefore assert that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of the application is therefore courteously solicited.

Very respectfully,

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